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CORRUPTION IN CIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has consulted Central Vigilance Commission regarding the steps to be taken to contain corruption in Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The number of cases of illegal mining/smuggling/pilferage of coal handed over to CBI during the last three years. State-wise; and

(d) The details of action taken by the Government to check such illegal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS MENTIONED IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO.25 FOR ANSWER ON 27.02.2008 ASKED BY SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE AND SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO REGARDING CORRUPTION IN CIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

(a)&(b) Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is consulted by the Government on various vigilance related issues from time to time.The advice given by CVC is conveyed to Coal India Ltd.(CIL) and its subsidiaries for necessary action.Besides, there are periodic consultations between the CVC and the Chief Vigilance Officers of the Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings regarding steps to be taken to make vigilance administration more effective and useful.

(c): As reported by Coal India Ltd. (CIL),no cases of illegal mining/smuggling/pilferage were handed over to CBI during the last three years.However, from the Ministry one case during the year 2005-06 and two cases during the year 2007-08 were handed over to CBI.

(d): The following measures are taken to address the issues of illegal mining/smuggling/pilferage:

(i) At the initiative of Government of India, Joint Action Committees involving State Governments and coal companies have been formed to take effective steps for prevention of illegal mining. Task Force at State and District levels have been formed in problem areas which review the action on regular basis.

(ii) Further, coal companies also undertake preventive measures such as filling up of rat holes, digging trenches,erection of concrete walls, fencing with barbed wire, dumping of overburden, deployment of security and intensive patrolling of the areas etc.

(iii) A committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Minister of State for Coal to address the problem of illegal mining of coal.

(iv) Close liaison with the State Police and the Railway Protection Force for prevention of pilferage and recovery of coal.

(v) Collection of intelligence reports about illegal coal depots and illegal movement of coal and informing district authorities of the same for taking preventive action.

(vi) At all entries / exits leading to mines and coal stacking points, check posts and barriers are established and being manned by security personnel.

(vii) Installation of security check-post at loading points to check transport documents.

(viii) Construction of watch-towers and providing lighting arrangements around the coal stacking area.

(ix) Static security including deployment of armed guards during the night hours.

(x) Escorting of loaded rakes up to railway weighbridges by armed guards and joint patrolling with the Railway Protection Force (RPF)

of railway lines which are prone to wagon looting.

(xi) Stringent action against transport vehicles caught in the act of theft or pilferage.

(xii) Lodging of FIR against persons caught in coal theft.

(xiii) Surprise checks conducted at weigh bridges,loading points, barriers from time to time by management and officials.

(xiv) Engagement of lady security guards for preventing women and children indulging in theft of coal / pilferage.